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SUBJ: ANNUAL FRANCO-AMERICAN CONSULTATIONS ON EAST AND
SOUTH ASIA: BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

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1. THE QUAI HAS JUST INFORMED US THAT ASIAN DIRECTOR NOIVILLE IS BEING ACCOMPANIED FOR THE CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON BY LOUIS MOREAU, HIS DEPUTY HANDLING SOUTH ASIA. MOREAU WILL THEREFORE PRINCIPALLY BE OF ASSISTANCE TO HIM DURING THE TALKS WITH NEA NOVEMBER 18, BUT HE WILL NO DOUBT SIT IN ON THE OTHER TALKS. WE PRESUME EA LEARNED OF MOREAU'S PARTICIPATION THROUGH THE FRENCH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. BELOW IS BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON NOIVILLE TO SUPPLEMENT THAT PROVIDED PRIOR TO 1975 CONSULTATIONS AND FULL BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION CONCERNING MOREAU.

2. NOIVILLE: JEAN NOIVILLE WAS BORN IN 1927 AND TOOK A BA BEFORE STUDYING AT THE NORMAL SCHOOL, FROM WHICH HE GOT AN "AGGREGATION" IN HISTORY. HE THEN GRADUATED FROM THE PRESTIGIOUS ECOLE NATIONALE D'ADMINISTRATION (ENA) IN 1954. HIS CAREER IN THE QUAI IS AS FOLLOWS: QUAI EUROPEAN DIVISION, 1954-55; SECOND SECRETARY IN MOSCOW, 1955-58; HARVARD UNIVERSITY, CONFIDENTIAL

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1958-59; QUAI, EC AFFAIRS, 1959-61; QUAI EUROPEAN

DIVISION, 1961-62; SECOND COUNSELOR IN BUCHAREST, 1963-65; ON LOAN TO ENA AS DIRECTOR OF TRAINING, 1965-70; FIRST COUNSELOR IN TOKYO, 1970-73; FIRST COUNSELOR IN ALGIERS, 1973-75.

3. IN OUR EXPERIENCE, NOIVILLE HAS BEEN LESS WELL INFORMED BY HIS SUPERIORS OF WHAT THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT IS DOING IN THE ASIAN AREA THAN HIS PREDECESSOR, FROMENT-MEURICE. ALTHOUGH SOMEWHAT LESS ANTAGONISTIC TOWARDS THE US THAN FROMENT-MEURICE, HE HAS EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLY LESS INTEREST IN BEING KEPT ABREAST OF US THINKING ON INDOCHINA OR OTHER AREAS OF ASIA OR IN KEEPING US INFORMED. NOIVILLE'S DEPUTIES (WITH THE EXCEPTION OF MOREAU) AND FOR THE MOST PART THEIR SUBORDINATES ARE A CUT BELOW THEIR PREDECESSORS IN AGE, EXPERIENCE AND COMPETENCE. IN PARTICULAR, THE DEPARTURE OF DUZER, WHO WAS PREVIOUSLY MR. CHINA IN THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT, HAS WEAKENED THE ASIAN DIVISION. THE DEPARTMENT WILL PROBABLY FIND NOIVILLE TO BE STILL AN INTELLIGENT OBSERVER, BUT WE DOUBT THAT HIS YEAR AS ASIAN DIRECTOR MAKES UP FOR THE LACK OF DUZER AS

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BACKUP MAN. WE TRUST NOIVILLE WILL BE MORE FORTHCOMING

IN THE CONTEXT OF THESE EXCHANGES THAN HE HAS BEEN IN
PARIS.

4. MOREAU: LOUIS MOREAU WAS BORN IN 1922. FOLLOWING
A "LAW" DEGREE, HE SERVED IN THE FRENCH ARMY FROM JUNE
1944 TO DECEMBER 1945. HE THEN STUDIED IN THE FRENCH
NATIONAL SCHOOL OF OVERSEAS STUDIES. MOREAU SERVED IN
THEIR COLONIAL SERVICE FROM 1948-58; HE WAS POSTED
FIRST IN THE MINISTRY OF ASSOCIATED STATES 1954-55 AND
WAS THEN "CHARGE DE MISSION" IN THE DELEGATION-GENERAL
IN HANOI FROM 1955-58. HE WAS INTEGRATED INTO THE
FOREIGN MINISTRY ON JANUARY 1, 1958 AND HAS HAD THE
FOLLOWING POSTS: SECOND SECRETARY IN TUNIS, 1958-59;
FIRST SECRETARY TUNIS 1959-60; QUAI, ECONOMIC AFFAIRS
1960-63; SECOND COUNSELOR IN NEW DELHI, 1963-67; QUAI,
ASIAN AFFAIRS 1968, DEPUTY DIRECTOR IN ASIAN AFFAIRS
(SOUTH ASIA) 1971 TO PRESENT.

5. MOREAU HAS SPENT THE LARGEST PART OF HIS CAREER
WORKING ON SOUTH ASIA. HE HAS TAKEN A VERY SCHOLARLY
INTEREST AND IS WELL INFORMED DEEPLY AS WELL AS WIDELY
ON ALL THE COUNTRIES OF SOUTH ASIA. WHILE NOT SO
FLASHY AS THE NEW ENA GRADUATES, MOREAU HAS HAD A
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SOLID EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE IN THE AREA. IN
ADDITION TO HIS LENGTHY TOUR IN INDIA, HE HAS VISITED
THE OTHER COUNTRIES OF THE AREA IN ADDITION TO READING
ABOUT THEM. HE HOPES TO CONTINUE HIS WORK ON THESE
COUNTRIES FOR A FEW MORE YEARS IN PARIS WITH THE
LIKELIHOOD OF BEING NAMED AMBASSADOR TO BANGLADESH AS A
REWARD PRIOR TO RETIREMENT. HE IS AWARE THAT THERE IS
LITTLE LIKELIHOOD OF HIS OBTAINING A MORE IMPORTANT
AMBASSADORIAL POSITION AND THEREBY HAVING A MORE
SPECTACULAR AND LONGER CAREER IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY.
ALTHOUGH INCLINED TO LOOK RATHER INDULGENTIY ON INDIA,
MOREAU IS AN OBJECTIVE OBSERVER OF THE SOUTH ASIAN
SCENE; HIS GOOD JUDGMENT IS REINFORCED BY A GOOD SENSE
OF HUMOR ABOUT "HIS CLIENTS". HE HAS ALSO BEEN VERY
COOPERATIVE WITH AMERICANS DESPITE THE LESS INTENSIVE
FRANCO/US INVOLVEMENT IN RELATIONS WITH THE INDIAN
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